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REQUESTS FOR TWO FISCAL YEAR 1997 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TWO FISCAL YEAR 1998 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$8,605,000 FOR THE FOREST SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$19,700,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH TRITIUM REMEDIATION, AND TWO FISCAL YEAR 1998 BUDGET AMENDMENTS INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM AND THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 23, 1997.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 104-208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, I hereby make available appropriations totaling \$8,605,000 in budget authority for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. These funds—provided to two accounts: \$3,395,000 for the National Forest System and \$5,210,000 for Reconstruction and Construction—will be used to repair damage from Hurricanes Fran and Hortense.

I designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

In addition, I ask the Congress to consider expeditiously the enclosed FY 1997 supplemental request to make available to the Department of Energy for activities associated with tritium remediation \$19,700,000 in funds previously provided for the Superconducting Super Collider.

This transmittal also contains two FY 1998 Budget amendments. These amendments would reduce the Department of Transportation's Maritime Security Program by \$1,600,000 and provide \$1,600,000 to the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board.

The details of these actions are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosures.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

April 23, 1997

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available emergency appropriations totaling \$8.6 million in budget authority for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. Your approval of this request would make available contingent emergency funds appropriated in the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997. These funds would be used to repair damage from Hurricanes Fran and Hortense.

The Forest Service reports that surveys have been completed and work begun on repair projects but that insufficient funds are available from regular appropriations to complete the needed work. The release of these funds would allow road, trail and facility reconstruction, and natural resource damage repair work to go forward in Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina (Hurricane Fran) and Puerto Rico (Hurricane Hortense).

I recommend that you designate this request as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

Also submitted for your consideration is a FY 1997 supplemental proposal for the Department of Energy to provide \$19.7 million for tritium remediation and related activities. \$19.7 million previously provided for the Superconducting Super Collider will be used to fund the tritium remediation efforts and to restore other funds used for these activities. Budget totals will not be affected.

Finally, submitted for your consideration is a FY 1998 budget amendment to provide \$1.6 million to the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board. This funding is needed to allow the Board to complete its work and put to rest lingering concern about the disclosure of assassination-related information and records to the public. The amendment would, also, provide full funding for all close-out costs of the Board. FY 1998 will be the Board's last year. The increased funding requested for the Board would be offset by a proposed reduction to the Maritime Security Program of the Department of Transportation. This reduction to the Marine Security Program is possible, without adverse effect on the program, as a result of re-estimates of balances and delays in signing contracts.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of affected departments and agencies in recommending that you approve these requests by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. D. Raines', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Franklin D. Raines
Director

Enclosures

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY
APPROPRIATED MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

National Forest System.....	\$3,395,000
Reconstruction and Construction.....	\$5,210,000

Title IV of the FY 1997 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contained in Public Law 104-208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, provided \$8,605,000 in contingent emergency funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service to make hurricane damage repairs. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon Presidential notification to the Congress of the designation of this funding as an emergency requirement.

The release of these funds would allow road, trail and facility reconstruction, and natural resource damage repair work to go forward in Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina (Hurricane Fran) and Puerto Rico (Hurricane Hortense).

FY 1997 Supplemental Request

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY PROGRAMS

General Science and Research Activities

In addition, from amounts appropriated for activities of the Superconducting Super Collider under this head in Public Law 103-126, not to exceed \$19,700,000 shall be transferred to "Energy Supply Research and Development" to restore funds used for, and to continue conduct of, activities associated with tritium remediation at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

This proposal would provide \$19.7 million necessary to continue the tritium remediation program at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

FY 1997 outlays for the Superconducting Super Collider estimated in the FY 1998 Budget would be reduced by \$5 million. Outlays resulting from the budget authority transferred to the Energy Supply Research and Development account would not exceed \$5 million in FY 1997 because this action would occur so late in the fiscal year. Therefore, there would be no net increase in FY 1997 outlays resulting from this proposal.

This transfer of \$19.7 million is in addition to the \$15 million transfer of Superconducting Super Collider balances proposed in the FY 1998 budget. The \$15 million transfer would also be from the General Sciences and Research account to the Energy Supply Research and Development account.

FY 1998 Budget Amendment

Agency:	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bureau:	MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
Heading:	Maritime Security Program
FY 1998 Budget Appendix Page:	824
FY 1998 Pending Request:	\$54,000,000
Proposed Amendment:	-\$1,600,000
Revised Request:	\$52,400,000

This amendment would reduce the amount requested for the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration's Maritime Security Program (MSP) by \$1,600,000. MSP provides resources to maintain a U.S.-flag merchant fleet crewed by U.S. citizens to serve the commercial and national security needs of the U.S. The process of signing contracts took longer than anticipated, and the MSP's 1997 carryover balance will be higher than previously expected. This reduction, therefore, will have no adverse effect on the program.

This proposal would decrease FY 1998 outlays by \$1,600,000. This amendment would be used to offset a requested increase of \$1,600,000 for FY 1998 funding for the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board in an accompanying amendment. The combination of these two proposals would have a net outlay effect of zero.

FY 1998 Budget Amendment

Agency:	JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD
Heading:	John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board
FY 1998 Budget Appendix Page:	1068
FY 1998 Pending Request:	---
Proposed Amendment:	\$1,600,000
Revised Request:	\$1,600,000

(Remove the brackets from the agency and heading above and from the appropriations language under this heading, and in the appropriations language insert including close-out costs, after "expenses" and delete "\$2,150,000" and substitute \$1,600,000.)

This amendment would provide \$1,600,000 to the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board in FY 1998. FY 1998 funding for the Board, not anticipated at the time the FY 1998 Budget was prepared, is necessary in order to allow the Board to complete its work. Additional time is needed to work with the CIA and FBI to obtain and review the "sequestered collection" of JFK assassination files. Additionally, the amendment would provide the Review Board the time and resources necessary to put to rest lingering concern about the disclosure of assassination related information and records to the public. The amendment would provide full funding for all close-out costs of the Board.

FY 1998 will be the Board's last year. The Board will not seek funding beyond FY 1998. The Board will issue a final report upon its termination.

This proposal would increase FY 1998 outlays by \$1,600,000. This amendment would be offset by a reduction of \$1,600,000 in FY 1998 funding for the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration contained in an accompanying amendment. The combination of these two proposals would have a net outlay effect of zero.